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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Disciplinary Matters – Sri B. Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Ananthapuramu District - Allegations of misconduct and misbehavior with Smt.G.Vidhyavathi, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu – Initiation of disciplinary action under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charge – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.198 **Dated : 29/03/2023**

Read the following:

1. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No. Vig.1(2)10/2022, dt.21.12.2022.
2. Govt. Memo No. No. AGC01-AGRI/10/2023-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt:17.01.2023
3. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(2) 10/20222, dt.18.03.2023

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It is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Sri B. Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Ananthapuramu District in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I), Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against him as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Sri B. Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Ananthapuramu District is directed to submit a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri B. Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Ananthapuramu District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri B. Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Ananthapuramu District, is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

6. Attention of Sri B. Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Ananthapuramu District, is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri B. Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Ananthapuramu District, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Sri B. Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Ananthapuramu District (through the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:

The Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur,
(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain his dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. CHANDRA NAIK, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND PRESENTLY DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICER, ANNATHAPURAMU:

Article of Charge:

"That the said Sri B.Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture and presently District Agricultural Officer, Ananthapuramu District has not allowed Smt.G.Vidhyavathi, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu, to attend any district and divisional level meetings and to the inspection of RBKs, Polambadi etc. He has restrained her from performing her official duties properly and also degraded her. Thus, he has behaved in a manner which is unbecoming of a Government Servant which attracts violation of Rule 3(5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964."

Sd/- Gopal Krishna Dwivedi

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. CHANDRA NAIK, THE THEN JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE & PRESENTLY DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICER, ANNATHAPURAMU:

Basis of Charge:

Based on the complaint petition lodged by Smt. G.Vidyavathi, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o District Agriculture Office, Ananthapuramu District against Sri B.Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Ananthapuramu, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture has appointed Sri G.Vinai Chand, Addl.Director of Agriculture, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur as Enquiry Officer, vide Memo.No. Vig.I(2) 10/2022, dt.15.02.2022, to conduct preliminary enquiry and submit report.

The Enquiry Officer has conducted the enquiry and submitted preliminary enquiry report on 25.08.2022 and the ADA/Petitioner in her statement submitted to the Enquiry Officer has stated that she worked as Asst Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Anathapuramu, but Sri B.Chandra Naik from the date of joining as Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapuramu has harassed her by using obscene words in the office in front of other staff members in addition to these he has not allowed her to attend any meetings in the district and state, inspection of RBK, Polambadi and Mandal division meetings and he treated her like anything. Further, she stated that to avoid the confrontation she applied for mutual transfer to Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Kalyandurg, but the Joint Director of Agriculture did not forward the application to the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur and kept it pending in his office only.

Therefore, Sri B.Chandra Naik, the then Joint Director of Agriculture and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Ananthapuramu has behaved in a manner which is unbecoming of a Government Servant which attracts violation of Rule 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence Charged.

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ANNEXURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGE FARMED AGAINST SRI B.CHANDRA NAIK, DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, ANANTHAPURAMU ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Complaint petitions dt.09.02.2022 & 24.03.2022 of Smt. G.Vidyavathi, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (PP) , O/o JDA, Ananthapuramu and presently working as Asst Director of Agriculture, O/o District Agriculture Office, Sri Satyasai District.
2. Representation dt.28.03.2022 of Smt. G.Vidyavathi, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o JDA, Ananthapuramu addressed to the Enquiry Officer.
3. Preliminary Enquiry Report dt.25.08.2022 submitted by Sri G.Vinai Chand, Addl.Director of Agriculture, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur & Enquiry Officer.

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ANNEXURE- IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.CHANDRA NAIK, DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, ANANTHAPURAMU ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Agriculture Officers (Technical), under the administrative control of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Anathapuramu.
2. Office Staff in the O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Anathapuramu.

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